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J. WHEELEY,  
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By order of the Directors,  
W. C. NIVEN,  
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THE SIXTY-FOURTH ANNUAL  
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will be held in Canton at the house of  
Messrs. Shawan Tones & Co. on THURSDAY,  
the 15th January, 1903, at 2.30 p.m.  
JOHN M. SWAN, M.D.  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, January 12, 1903.

## NAVY LEAGUE.

HONGKONG BRANCH.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
of the Members and Associates of the  
Hongkong Branch of the Navy League will  
be held in the City Hall, on THURSDAY,  
the 16th January, 1903, at 5.30 p.m.  
H. E. POLLOCK, Esq., K.C., in the Chair.

G. C. ANDERSON,  
Secretary.

Navy League, Hongkong Branch.  
Hongkong, January 7, 1903.

THE WEST POINT BUILDING  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the  
FOURTEENTH ORDINARY  
MEETING of Shareholders in this  
Company will be held at the COMPANY'S  
OFFICE, Victoria Buildings, on MONDAY,  
the 18th January, 1903, at 11.45 o'clock  
a.m., for the purpose of receiving the  
Report of the Directors, together with  
Statement of Accounts for the year ending  
31st December, 1902.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be  
closed on Saturday, the 17th  
January, to Monday, the 26th January  
(both days inclusive), during which period  
no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
A. SHELTON HOOPER,  
Secretary.

Hongkong Land Investment and Agency  
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General Agents for the  
West Point Building Co., Ltd.  
Hongkong, January 14, 1903.

THE HONGKONG LAND  
INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO.,  
LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the  
FIFTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING  
of Shareholders in this Company will  
be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, Victoria  
Buildings, on MONDAY, the 26th January,  
1903, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose  
of receiving the Report of the Directors,  
together with Statement of Accounts for  
the year ending 31st December, 1902.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be  
closed on Saturday, the 17th  
January, to Monday, the 26th January  
(both days inclusive), during which period  
no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
A. SHELTON HOOPER,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 7, 1903.

THE HONGKONG LAND RECLAMA-  
TION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Second  
Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders  
in this Company will be held at the Com-  
pany's Office, Victoria Buildings, on  
MONDAY, the 26th January, 1903, at  
12.30 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of  
receiving the Report of the Directors, to-  
gether with Statement of Accounts for the  
year ending 31st December, 1902.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be  
closed from Monday, the 19th  
January, to Monday, the 26th January  
(both days inclusive), during which period  
no TRANSFER OF SHARES can be regis-  
tered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOPE,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 13, 1903.

HONGKONG RENOVOL-  
SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
of the above Society will be held on  
TUESDAY, 27th January, at 12 o'clock,  
in the City Hall. The Public are invited  
to attend.

D. S. POATE,  
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, January 13, 1903.

THE PUNJON MINING COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at  
a Meeting of the Board of Directors  
of the Company, held at the Company's  
Office, No. 13, Beaconfield Arcade, Vic-  
toria, Hongkong, on Monday, the 5th day  
of January, 1903, the following Resolution  
was passed:

"That in pursuance of the Special  
Resolution passed on the 11th day  
of November, 1902, and confirmed  
on the 27th day of November, 1902,  
a Call of Fifty Cents per share be  
made upon all holders of Ordinary  
Shares in the above Company, and the  
same is hereby made. Such Call to be  
paid to the Hongkong and Shanghai  
Banking Corporation, at their Premises,  
Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, or at  
any other place before the 9th day of February,  
1903."

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that  
in accordance with Article 24 of the Com-  
pany's Articles of Association, interest at  
the rate of 3 1/2 per centum per Annum will  
be charged upon all Calls remaining unpaid  
after the 9th day of February, 1903, up to  
the actual dates of payment of the same.  
Shareholders are requested to note that,  
upon presentation at the Office of the  
Company of the Bank's Receipt of pay-  
ment of the Call, and surrender of existing  
Certificates of the Shares pertaining there-  
to, new Share Certificates will be issued  
bearing an endorsement of the payment of  
the said Call.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
W. KEMPFOOT HUGHES,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 6, 1903.

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## Intimations.

GOVERNMENT BILLS.

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in this Colony, in Exchange for Sterling  
Bills drawn at 10 days' sight on the  
London Commissioners of Her Majesty's  
Treasury, London, will be received by the  
Chief Paymaster, Army Pay Department,  
until 11 a.m. on the 15th Instant.  
The Tenders to state the total amount  
required (in Pounds Sterling) and the  
amount for which each Bill should be  
drawn, but no Bills will be issued for less  
than £100.

The tenders to be in Duplicate, and in  
Sealed Covers, addressed to the Chief Pay-  
master, Army Pay Department, and en-  
closed "TENDERS FOR GOVERNMENT BILLS."  
The right to accept or reject any or all of  
the tenders is reserved.  
Copies of Forms of tender can be had on  
application.

GEO. H. FERRIER, Colonel,  
Chief Paymaster, China.

Her Majesty's Treasury Office,  
Queen's Road, Hongkong.  
8th January, 1903.

PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF  
HONGKONG, No. 1,165, E.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above  
Lodge will be held in the FREE-  
MASON'S HALL, Zetland Street, on  
FRIDAY, the 16th Instant, at 8.30 for  
8.00 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren  
are cordially invited to attend.  
Hongkong, January 10, 1903.

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND  
MORTGAGE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE SIXTH ORDINARY ANNUAL  
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in  
this Company will be held at the OFFICES  
of the Company, 14, Des Voeux Road, Vic-  
toria, on SATURDAY, the 17th JANU-  
ARY, 1903, at 11 o'clock a.m., for the  
purpose of receiving a Statement of Ac-  
counts and the Report of the General  
Managers for the year ending 31st Decem-  
ber, 1902, declaring a Dividend and electing  
a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-  
pany will be CLOSED on THURSDAY,  
15th, to SATURDAY, 17th JANUARY,  
1903, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1903.

PROPOSED MERCANTILE MARINE  
CLUB.

NOTICE is hereby given that a MEET-  
ING, open to all CERTIFICATED  
MERCANTILE MARINE OFFICERS,  
will be held, by the courtesy of the Man-  
ager, at the Office of the Hongkong  
Telegraph Company, Limited, 1, Ice House  
Road, Hongkong, at 3 P.M., SUNDAY,  
18th January, 1903, for the purpose of dis-  
cussing the desirability of FORMING A  
MERCANTILE MARINE OFFICERS'  
CLUB in Hongkong.

Officers unable to attend may address  
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THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell, by Public Auction,

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the 15th January, 1903, at Noon, on the  
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1 Life Boat 28' x 7' 3", with Brass Tank.  
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Lying off the Wardley Pier.  
Terms:—Cash on delivery.

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Hongkong, January 12, 1903.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Mr. DAVID J. LENNON, to Sell by Public Auction,

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the 15th January, 1903, at 2.30 p.m.,  
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Hongkong, January 13, 1903.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned will Let by Public  
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the 19th January, 1903, at 3 p.m.,  
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The Several Lots Numbered 1 to 19 on  
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## SINGAPORE CHAMBER ON THE CURRENCY.

## The Plan for Fixity of Exchange.

The following letter was addressed to the  
Straits Settlements Government by the  
Singapore Chamber of Commerce:—

Chamber of Commerce,  
Singapore, Dec. 17, 1902.

Sir,—1. Having reference to the ques-  
tion of Fixity of Exchange for the Straits  
Settlements and to your letters Nos. Misc.  
9344/02 and 9781/02 of Oct. 31 and Nov. 18  
respectively, and by direction of the  
Committee of this Chamber, duly with  
the request contained in those letters by  
handing you the following (17) seventeen  
Schedules of Statistics brought up to Dec.  
31, 1901. These for the sake of reference  
are numbered 1 to 17, and are described on  
a list thereof appended to this letter. [Not  
printed].

2. The foregoing represent extensions,  
brought up to Dec. 31, 1901, of the Trade  
Statistics put forward in 1897, when the  
question of Fixity of Exchange was the  
subject of consideration and representation  
to Government by this Chamber.

3. I further beg to hand you the follow-  
ing additional Tables, also statistics which it  
is thought may be of interest and service  
to Government in considering this question,  
viz:—

No. 18. Coinage of British Dollars to  
March 31, 1902 at Bombay and Calcutta  
mints.

No. 19. Straits Settlements Imports and  
Exports of silver coin and merchandise  
from 1890/91.

4. All statistics given cover to by this  
letter have been carefully checked as the  
system prevalent in the Colony for record-  
ing Imports and Exports permits.

5. Your letter of Oct. 31, 1902 asked that  
the Chamber would revise up to date para-  
graphs 10 to 15 inclusive, and paragraphs  
16 to 17 and of the Report of Nov. 6, 1897  
of a Sub-Committee of the Chamber dealing  
with this subject.

6. The figures and information desired  
in continuation of those furnished under  
head of Imports in para. 10 of the above-  
quoted Report will be found in the en-  
closures hereto numbered 1 to 3.

7. Between 1896 and November 1897  
(when a Sub-Committee of this Chamber  
reported on this subject) Exchange on  
London had, by depreciation of the value of  
silver, fallen about 15%, the rate when that  
Report was issued having been about 1/11.  
The rate to-day may be said to be, roughly,  
15%, showing a further decline of about  
30%.

8. I am directed to particularly draw  
the attention of Government to the figures  
as to exports shown by Schedules 4 to 6.  
From these it will be seen that for the year  
1897 the trade figures (Inter-Settlements  
excluded) were as follows, viz:—

1897.....\$180,651,000  
Over the years following 1897 the value  
of this export trade, represented in dollars  
steadily and largely increased, as the  
following figures will show:—

1898.....\$184,970,000  
1899.....\$216,888,000  
1900.....\$239,622,000  
1901.....\$248,000,000







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**MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.**  
**Tender Closed.**  
11 a.m.—Tenders for Government Bills received by Chief Engineer.  
**Auctions.**  
Noon.—Two Life-Boats to be sold off Wardley Pier.  
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Sandry Household Furniture, at No. 39, Morrison Hill Road.  
**Meeting.**  
Transfer Books of The China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd., closed from this date to the 17th January, inclusive.  
**Amusements.**  
9 p.m. Performance in the City Hall.

**General Memoranda.**  
Friday, January 10.—  
9.00 p.m.—Meeting of Perseverance Lodge.  
Saturday, January 11.—  
11 a.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office.  
Monday, January 13.—  
3 p.m.—Auction of Several Lots Nos. 1 to 19 for erection of Booths and Mat-sheds, at North of the Grand Stand Enclosure.  
Goods per *Strait* not cleared on this date subject to rent.  
Goods per *Orion* not cleared on this date subject to rent.  
Goods per *Delta* not cleared on this date subject to rent.  
Wednesday, January 21.—  
Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of The National Bank of China, Ltd., at the Bank's Premises.  
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**BIRTHS.**  
On the 9th January, at 23, Soochun Road, Shanghai, the wife of G. V. TARKIE, MARRIAGE, of a Daughter.  
On the 9th January, at 23, Michael Road, Shanghai, the wife of JOHN BLACKBURN, of a Son.

**MARRIAGE.**  
At St. George's Church, Penang, on December 21 KAZA ARJUNA, daughter of the Rev. R. Balavendram, of St. George's Tamil Mission, to Mr. JEREMIAH JOHN.

**DEATHS.**  
On the 9th January, at the General Hospital, Shanghai, FRIEDRICH LANGEMANN, Magister of Pharmacy; aged 55 years.  
At Shanghai, on the 10th January, of typhoid fever, ARTHUR RICHARD MILLER, late of Forbes & Co.; aged 31 years.

The publication of this issue commenced at 5.00 p.m.

**The China Mail.**

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 1903.

SOME years ago, Sir Thomas Sutherland, the Chairman of the P. and O. Company, prophesied the time when Hongkong and Shanghai would rival the Tyne and the Clyde as shipbuilding centres, and although his prophecy seems still a long way from realization, it is becoming more and more apparent that the East is no longer entirely dependent upon the West for her ships. For many years, Japan has built small warships and ocean liners of large tonnage. She is now turning her attention to warships of heavier tonnage, and when the Japanese have thoroughly equipped their naval yards and developed their own resources of iron and the manufacture of steel armour-plate, there will be no limit to the possibilities of Japan as a factor in naval architecture. Even China, always more backward, where western methods are concerned, than the island empire of the Pacific, has built some of her own warships at Foochow, and at Hongkong and Shanghai we have seen that fairly large-sized steamers can be constructed and engineered quite as well as on the banks of the Clyde or the Tyne, under skilled European supervision. For some time to come, until China's mineral resources have been developed, prepared material must be imported from Europe or America; but, even so, the cheaper labour of the East should enable shipbuilding firms in China to enter the fields of competition with some certainty of success. This is a subject to which Mr. William C. Jack (at present of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.) addressed himself in 1896, when he prepared a paper on 'Engineering and Shipbuilding in the Far East.' This paper was read before the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Hongkong and provoked considerable discussion. Mr. Jack, who was then in Hongkong, where he has had considerable experience in building shallow-draught steamers for the Tonkin rivers and inland waterways, wrote, 'Speaking from experience, the author can safely say that the Hongkong-built boats (he was speaking of steam-launches and small steel or composite coasting steamers) belonging to the firm with which he is connected, defy comparison, as far as hull, engines and boilers are concerned, that is to say that they are ahead of the home-built article in finish, workmanship and durability. To-day, Hongkong is in a position to turn out and equip sea-going steamers in every way equal to the home article and more in accordance with the requirements of the country and the Eastern trade. Any of you who have had occasion to order a steamer from home builders will readily understand this. The late Mr. Robert Cooke, who presided over the meeting at which the paper was discussed, and who was probably better qualified than any other man in Hongkong to deliver a trustworthy pronouncement, said Mr. Jack's statement was no idle boast, and went on to show how the work could be done in Hongkong as efficiently as at home and at less cost. He added, 'I am sure some of the vessels I have seen built in the East would do credit to any home yard of the very best kind. Vessels built in Hongkong and other parts of the East have really been turned out in such a manner that, unless you were told that they were built in the East, you could not have told that they were not built in a first-class British yard, and that is saying a great deal. I think if ship-owners and those interested in shipping would only have a little more confidence, particularly in Hongkong engineers and shipbuilders, they would be treated very well, they would have very faithfully built vessels, and it would be a very great help not only to the prosperity of Hongkong but to ship-

building and commercial interests in the East generally.' A considerable part of the discussion dealt with cost of production. In his paper, Mr. Jack presented comparative tables dealing with cost of building a steamer 225 feet long by 32 feet broad, with a depth of 14 feet 8 inches, and 1019 gross tonnage. The comparison, a careful and minute one, worked out in favour of the home builder by £706; but he pointed out that the difference would be the other way when the cost of the voyage out was taken into consideration, together with the alterations and additions generally made to the home-built steamer when she arrived in the East. One of his concluding paragraphs was: 'Shipowners here would certainly save the expense of intermediate agents if they could treat direct on the spot, and the time thus gained would go far to make up for the loss of time cited above; in fact, if you take the time from which negotiations are opened at this end for the building of a coasting boat until the time of her delivery in this harbour, I am not sure but that the Hongkong-built vessel would be the first at her buoy.' One or two members of the local Engineers' Institute inclined to the opinion that Mr. Jack was over-sanguine; but recent experience in Hongkong goes far to prove the accuracy of his estimates and forecast. Mr. W. S. Bailey, in his contribution to the discussion, said: 'Taking a broad view of the future of shipbuilding in China, it seems very probable that she will soon compete successfully with home yards in the production of ships and machinery of every class, and he took an even more sanguine view of the financial aspect of the question than Mr. Jack. Mr. Bailey had the opportunity of carrying his theories into practical effect in the S. S. *Kowloon*, recently launched from the yard of Messrs W. S. Bailey and Murphy; while Mr. Jack, who, we understand, establishes his own business in Hongkong in a few months, has had charge of the construction of the new river steamer *Kinshan* launched on Saturday last, the largest steamer, it was stated, hitherto built in China. Practical demonstration has therefore been given of the capabilities of Hongkong shipbuilders, and it is surely not too much to hope that local shipping firms will repose more confidence in local talent and will find it more profitable to place their orders in Hongkong instead of going farther afield. There are few more thoroughly equipped or better managed engineering and shipbuilding establishments out of Great Britain than the works of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company.

**Important Golf Decision.**  
Attracted, doubtless, by the appearance on the agenda of a proposition to bar the rubber-cored ball in all tournaments promoted by the Professional Golfers' Association, a large number of members attended the first annual general meeting of this body, held on the 8th ult. Most of last year's officers were re-elected, with the Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, M.P., as President; but Alexander Herd succeeded James Braid in the captaincy. The proposal that gutta-percha balls only be used in Association tournaments was made by Braid. He was seconded by C. R. Smith, and supported by other well-known players, including Harry Vardon and J. H. Taylor, and the proposition was eventually passed by 33 votes to 9. Lord Walter Gordon Lennox presided over the meeting.

**Cricket Reform.**  
The Captains of the 15 first-class counties met on the 8th ult. at Lord's for the primary purpose of selecting the umpires to act for the Championship series of 1903. Every county was represented, the present being:—Lord Hawke (Yorkshire), Messrs. A. E. Lawton (Derbyshire), H. G. Owen (Essex), G. L. Jessop (Gloucestershire), E. M. Sprout (Hampshire), J. R. Mason (Kent), A. C. MacLaren (Lancashire), C. E. de Trafford (Leicestershire), Gregor Macgregor (Middlesex), A. O. Jones (Nottingham), S. M. J. Woods (Somerset), D. L. A. Jephson (Surrey), C. B. Fry (Deputy Captain Sussex), H. W. Bagnbridge (Worcestershire), and H. K. Foster (Worcestershire), with Mr. E. E. Lacey (Secretary M.C.C.). It was proposed by Mr. A. C. MacLaren (Lancashire), and seconded by Mr. G. L. Jessop (Gloucestershire):—'That, in future it is desirable that three test matches only should be played, and that a week should be reserved in which to play each of them.' Proposed by Mr. G. Macgregor (Middlesex), seconded by Mr. O. B. Fry (Sussex):—'That the width of the wicket should be increased from eight to nine inches by increasing the thickness (and consequently circumference) of the stumps.' It will be remembered that the increase in the number of test games from three to five was only adopted prior to the visit of the Australians in the Summer of 1899. The other suggestion will not interfere with the height of the wicket, and the only change in the implements of the game would be a slight addition to the circumference of the stumps and the length of the balls.

**LOCAL AND GENERAL.**  
**Notes by the Way.**  
Admiral Sir Harry Keppel arrived at Singapore on the 3rd inst.

Harmon's Circus has been doing well in Calcutta. Mr. Robert Love is as lively as ever.

Lieut.-Col. Oakes, R.A., left Singapore for home by the *Valdez* on the 9th inst., on retirement.

The Singapore Chamber of Commerce letter on the Currency Question will be found on Pages 2 and 3.

Cholera is decreasing in the Philippines provinces. Five deaths occurred in the 11th U. S. Infantry, at Ormae, Leyte.

The Directors of the China Flour Mill Co., Ltd., will declare a final dividend of 14 per cent., making 20 per cent. for the year.

Every time a merchant advertises in a fake medium he really inserts his name in a directory which will be used by the advertising faker who next comes along.

It is now probable (says a New York telegram) that Governor Taft will leave the Philippines in April or May. It has been admitted in a way that is practically official, that Taft will succeed Justice Shiras in the Supreme Court. General Wright is to return to Manila in April and will succeed Taft at that time.

It is rumoured in Yokohama, says the *Japan Gazette*, that Mr. Reginald George Hopkins, who figured conspicuously in the Yokohama Court lately and was recently sentenced to six months' imprisonment and a fine of ¥1,000, left Yokohama by the N. P. Co.'s steamer *Tacoma* for America. The *Kaga-cho* Police state that, while they do not care to touch for the correctness of this rumour, the same account has come to their ears as a fact.

The *Australasian* of the 6th ult. says:—'Mr. W. H. T. Davis, the old Mercantile oldsmann, who has been on an extended holiday in Europe, England in particular, and Victoria, returned to his duty as manager of the Commercial Union Assurance Company, Hongkong, on Monday. He left by the Sydney express to catch the steamer *Taiyuan*. Mr. Davis was on board the steamer *Springhill* on Saturday, and witnessed the champion four-oar race. This gave him an opportunity for the renewal of many acquaintances, and his old friends were glad to find him in good health and spirits.'

**Strike at Quarry Bay.**  
We are glad to be able to state that the strike which occurred yesterday at Messrs. Butterfield and Swire's works, Quarry Bay, is over, and all the men have returned to work as usual.

**Anti-Missionary Outrage.**  
It is reported (says the *China Gazette* of the 10th inst.) that at Kiench district, in Chekiang province, rioters attacked two small missionary stations, but fortunately the missionaries having been informed of their attack before, had escaped from any danger. The stations, however, were destroyed, pulled to pieces, and their contents carried away.

**Chinese Decorations.**  
The P. and T. Times learns with pleasure that its fellow residents Dr. C. D. Tenney and Mr. Edward Cousins have received through H.E. the Viceroy the patents conferring upon them 'Red Buttons' Rank. We offer our hearty congratulations to our friends on their 'New Year honours.' Rev. W. Hopkins Rees and Rev. A. Bridge were at the same time the recipients of the 5th pin (Fourth rank—blue button), but there is some doubt if the self-imposed discipline of the London Mission will admit of the acceptance of the well-merited compliment. On a previous occasion they refused a decoration.

**To Shipmasters.**  
The German steamer *Emma Layden*, which arrived from Saigon yesterday, reports that in Lat. 18.59 N., Long. 111.49 E., she passed two drifting lighters, one of them bearing the words 'No. 7 New York.' These are probably two of five lighters put together for the Philippine Transportation Co. by the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co. The steamer *Piccola* left Hongkong for Manila on the 5th inst. with the five lighters in tow. All steamers coming from the south report rough weather, so that the *Piccola* must have had a bad time. It is to be hoped the lighters will be picked up, otherwise they constitute a serious menace to steamers bound in and out of Hongkong.

Even the bald-headed man may take some consolation from the fact that he was born that way.

**IT WILL NOT DO**  
To fool with a bad cold. No one can tell what the end will be. Pneumonia, catarrh, chronic bronchitis and consumption invariably result from a neglected cold. A medicine for the cure of colds, coughs and influenza, nothing can compare with Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It always cures and cures quickly. For sale by All Dealers; WATKINS Ltd., General Agents.

**LOCAL AND GENERAL.**  
**Football.**  
To-morrow afternoon, on the Happy Valley, in the first round for the Hongkong Football Challenge Shield, the R. E. will play Ordanoo F. C. The kick-off will be at four o'clock. Mr. Triggs will officiate as referee.

**A Plethora of Post Offices.**  
Like other South China ports, Foochow has now a French Post Office. Foochow is especially well off, and ought to have sufficient post offices for its daily needs. Besides the French, there are the British, German, Japanese and Chinese offices.

**Land Investment Company.**  
The meeting of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., will be held at noon on Monday, the 26th inst. The meeting of the West Point Building Company will be held on the same day at 11.45, instead of 11.30 as previously notified.

**The Obnoxious Pigtail.**  
The movement for doing away with the tow-chang or pigtail is spreading among the Chinese in Java. The Government felt uneasy and made inquiries into the reason why. It was found that the movement was social, and has nothing political about it as regards the Netherlands India Government.

**Boers for Java.**  
A number of irreconcilable Boer prisoners in Ceylon, about sixty or so, have asked permission to settle down in Java. The Government of that island has raised no difficulties against the idea. Their arrival at Batavia is shortly expected. It is intended to offer them a piece of land in the mountainous Preanger district (West Java) for an agricultural colony.

**Slavery in Zanzibar.**  
A Blue Book on slavery in Zanzibar contains a dispatch from the Marquis of Lansdowne to Sir Charles Eliot approving Mr. R. S. Cave's opinion with reference to the above question. He adds that it is not intended to question the Sultan's right to compel free natives to labour, but His Majesty's Government cannot divest themselves of all responsibility for the abuse of that right. Mr. Cave should therefore exercise the greatest vigilance and should report any cases of hardship.

**Ship's Officers' Pay.**  
The *Singapore Free Press* of 3rd inst. states:—'The demands of the Singapore Merchant Service Guild that the rates of pay for mates should be revised as a compensation for the fall in the value of the dollar have been acceded to by the owners, practically all of them, and the following will be the prevailing rates for local vessels from date—First Mates £17-10 and Second Mates £13 per month, based on the current rates of exchange as posted daily in the Shipping Office on the date on which their salaries may be due.

**Taft Pessimistic.**  
Governor Taft's report on the Philippines deals pessimistically with present economic and agricultural conditions in the Archipelago, but is hopeful for the future. The report of the Philippine Commission is principally confined to recommendations for legislation. There of these are:—  
(1) A reduction of 75 per cent. in the tariff on Philippine products entering the United States.  
(2) A renewal of the recommendation for the passage of an act, authorizing the establishment of a stable currency for the Philippines.  
(3) A renewal of the recommendation in reference to the restricted importation of Chinese labour.

**Military Millinery.**  
By direction of the Commander-in-Chief, on the 6th ult., it was notified that the Austrian Knot has been abolished for the Volunteer Force, but the numbers and lettering on the shoulder-straps will be of the same colour as heretofore. Shoulder-straps will have an edging, the colour of which will be the same as the lettering, except for corps clothed in green, with scarlet facings, when the edging will be scarlet. For battalions of territorial regiments clothed in scarlet the edging will be white. No alteration will be required in existing articles, which may be continued in wear till worn out; but all future supplies must be in accordance with the above instructions.

**A Calm Request.**  
Yielding to the entreaties of his daughters (says the *Australasian*), a well-known resident in a country town agreed to bring them to Melbourne to hear Madame Melba in opera. Good seats were secured for last Saturday, Nov. 29, and the family arrived on Friday night, only in time to learn that the performance had been postponed. The initial expense was bad enough, but to face the cost of keeping the family for nearly a week in the city was more than was bargained for. The father secured a refund of the money for his tickets, but was not satisfied with this, and wrote to Mr. George Musgrave suggesting that the railway fares of himself and his family might under the special circumstances be reasonably paid by that gentleman. Mr. Musgrave replied:—'Dear Sir, I went to London to see the Coronation. It was postponed in consequence of the illness of the King. When the British Government refunds me my passage money I shall be glad to send you the amount of your railway fares.'

**LOCAL AND GENERAL.**  
**Country Editor Turns Diplomat.**  
A Missouri editor recently advertised a year's subscription from the party bringing him the largest potato between certain date. Last reports are that the editor had enough potatoes to last him during the winter. This man is a diplomat and is wasting his time on a country paper.

**The Slave Trade.**  
On the 6th inst., states the *N. O. Daily News*, a Kompong man was charged in the Mixed Court at Shanghai with kidnapping a Chinese girl from a house in the French Concession on the 12th of October. Inspector Aiers said that the prosecutor, a Chinese woman, was not present. She had been told to attend the Court, but he believed that she was detained at the French Mixed Court. The prosecutor bought the Chinese girl at Kompong and put her in the prisoner's house in the French Concession to board for a few days. When she went to take the girl away, she found that the prisoner had left the house, taken the girl with him, and sold the latter to a woman in Yangtsepo for the sum of \$16. The matter was brought to the attention of the Police by the parties fighting and creating a disturbance just outside the Yangtsepo. They were taken into the Station and then the Inspector heard the story of the kidnapping. The Assessor said the Magistrate was of the opinion that this was a matter for the French Mixed Court. Inspector Aiers said that both prosecutor and prisoner resided in the French Concession. The Police of the Settlement had only cognisance of the matter on account of the disturbance near the Yangtsepo Station. The prisoner was ordered to be handed over to the French Mixed Court for trial.

**Chinese Financial Difficulties.**  
The *N. O. Daily News* of the 6th inst. says:—'We notice in a Chinese contemporary that the Board of Revenue has been in great difficulties in meeting its obligations to the Yunnan Copper Syndicate on account of copper forwarded to the Capital for the Imperial Mint. In the spring the Board was 500,000 Taels behind in its payments, and another payment on account of a further supply of copper about to be provided. The Board sought to divert funds from the Kungtung and Yunnan Provincial Treasuries, but both Provinces plainly stated their inability to carry out such instructions. Under the circumstances the Yunnan Viceroy arranged to meet the pressure of the moment by drawing on his military chest. At the same time the Viceroy and the Mining Bureau memorialised that an extra cash catty should be laid on Szechuan salt consumed in the Province. It was pointed out that by the reorganisation of the Salt Gabelle and adjustment of the trade some years ago great benefits had accrued, but extra taxation to the amount of only 7 cash a catty had been gradually added. The addition of an extra cash catty would be no hardship. It is estimated that the increased revenue would amount to Tls. 400,000 a year, and this sum is to form a permanent income to pay for copper forwarded to Peking.

**Suicide on an Atlantic Liner.**  
Details of a sad affair on the *Onward* liner *Ettricia* transpired on the arrival of the vessel at Liverpool on the 7th ult. Among the saloon passengers was Captain Thos. Lamb, the crack rifle shot, who was one of the team which won the Palma trophy in Canada, and who was returning home from a short trip to America. As far as can be ascertained, he seemed to be in good health and spirits during the voyage, and made himself pleasant to his passengers. It is stated that he had expressed the intention, on reaching Liverpool, of proceeding at once with the steamer express to London, where his relatives reside. What caused him to change his mind is not known, but at three o'clock in the morning some of the passengers who were awake, and the officers of the ship on duty, were startled by the loud report of a firearm. A search was made, and finally in the state-room of Captain Lamb a terrible scene was revealed. The Captain, half-dressed, lay in a pool of blood, and the top of his head had been blown off. It became evident that he had shot himself through the mouth, it is believed by using his foot to the hammer of a rifle he had in his possession. He was utterly beyond all human assistance from the first. After the passengers had been landed, the body was removed to the Prince's Dock mortuary to await inquest. The sad affair, when it became known, caused a great sensation among the other passengers. Deceased's relatives were communicated with. Captain Lamb, who was about 45 years of age, took part in the Boer War, and is said to have been present at the memorable Spion Kop affair.

**TO PREVENT CROUP.**  
BEGIN in time. The first symptom is hoarseness, this is soon followed by a peculiar rough cough, which is easily recognized and will never be forgotten by one who has heard it. The time to act is when the child first becomes hoarse. If Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is freely given, all tendency to croup will soon disappear. Even after the croupy cough has developed, it will prevent the attack. There is no danger in given this remedy as it contains nothing injurious. It always cures and cures quickly. For sale by All Dealers; WATKINS Ltd., General Agents.



## TELEGRAMS.

**THE VENEZUELA ARBITRATION.**  
London, January 12, 1903.  
Mr Bowen has sailed for Washington.

## SOUTH AFRICA.

After hearing Chamberlain's speech, the Boer leaders advised their followers to accept the situation, not to make useless demands, and to co-operate with the Government.

## THE DARDANELLES QUESTION.

Turkey has not yet replied to the British protest re the Dardanelles.

## THE GERMAN EMBASSY AT WASHINGTON.

Baron von Holleben has left Washington without taking farewell of the President.

## MOROCCO.

The missionary ladies have left Fez for Tangier. The latest news from Fez forebodes serious developments. The pretender is reported to have awakened from his lethargy and to be marching towards Fez, summoning followers from surrounding tribes.

[N. C. DAILY NEWS SERVICE.]

## MR CHAMBERLAIN IN SOUTH AFRICA.

London, January 8.

At a banquet at Pretoria, Generals Botha and Delarey sat at the same table with Mr Chamberlain, Lord Milner, and the other notables.

Mr Chamberlain expressed the hope that Pretoria would remain the capital of the Transvaal.

Replying to the demand of a previous speaker for a more democratic form of government, Mr Chamberlain appealed for time to study and discuss these difficult questions.

London, January 9.

Mr Chamberlain, replying to an address from the Boer leaders, said that it was impossible to proclaim a general amnesty, but he hoped the colonial governments would not let him down.

Let the Boer leaders, he said, set an example by forgiving their own countrymen who surrendered and helped the British.

In a confidential reply to an address from the Pretoria Chamber of Commerce, Mr Chamberlain is reported to have said that if there is a danger of Asiatics overrunning the country, the whites should seek to introduce legislation excluding them, not as Asiatics, but as undesirable immigrants. [Mr Chamberlain would seem to have unwillingly forged a weapon for the British Columbians who are trying to exclude Japanese.—(N. C. D. N.)]

## PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AND THE COLOURED RACE.

President Roosevelt's attitude with regard to the negro question is creating intense resentment in the United States.

## China Borneo Company.

The Hon. C. S. Sharp presided at the Confirmatory meeting of the shareholders of the China-Borneo Company, which was held at noon to-day. There were also present—Sir C. P. Chater, A. G. Wood, E. Osborne, J. Wheeler, manager, J. A. Jupp, W. H. Wickham, Leung Shiu Len, A. Baptista, and G. C. Master. On the motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr Jupp, the resolution confirming the reconstruction of the company was agreed to.

## Colour Photography.

At the last meeting of the London Institution Mr Richard Kerr, F.R.S., delivered an interesting lecture on 'Colour Photography' to a large and appreciative audience. In his opening remarks, the lecturer referred to the theory of colour sensation propounded by Thomas Young in 1802, accepted by Helmholtz about half a century later, and afterwards by Clerk Maxwell. One of the earliest processes was that of taking three negatives—one through a red, another through a green, and a third through a blue-violet screen—and combining these pictures by means of the photochromoscope—a projection lantern, with three tubes, closed respectively with red, green, and blue-violet glass. In the July—or, as it was sometimes called, the Macdonough process, the pictures were taken through a screen ruled with microscopically fine lines of red, green, and blue, which gave the subject, when projected, the appearance of tapestry work. In the Lumiere and Sanger-Shophard colour-photograph there were no lines to interfere with the vision. The Lumiere plates were of a special kind, the film was floated off and dipped in a peculiar dye, and thus softness and gradation of tone was obtained. In the Sanger-Shophard process the negative is also taken through colour-screens, but only one slide is used, on which are superposed two printed celluloid filters, representing the other two printed colours. A very fine collection of lantern slides, illustrating the different processes, was shown, and the applause of the audience testified their satisfaction.

## ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

QUARTERLY MEETING.  
The heavy rains of the last two days of the meeting spoiled it. The following cards were returned—

CONDOR	FAIRFAX	R.N.	2	83
Mr A. B. Lowson	83	4	83	
Mr W. J. Saunders	90	15	84	
Mr W. J. Saunders	100	15	85	
Mr C. E. H. Beavis	90	2	86	
Mr C. M. G. Burnie	90	1	89	
Mr E. J. Grist	94	5	89	

16 entries.

## BOLEY AND RICHARDSON CUP.

DR. W. L. MARTIN	R.N.	11	2	up
Condor, Farquhar, R.N.	85	2	83	
Mr A. B. Lowson	89	6	83	
Mr W. J. Saunders	90	15	84	
Mr W. J. Saunders	100	15	85	
Mr C. E. H. Beavis	90	2	86	
Mr C. M. G. Burnie	90	1	89	
Mr E. J. Grist	94	5	89	

15 entries.

## POOLS.

DR. W. L. MARTIN	R.N.	92	14	78
Condor, Farquhar, R.N.	85	2	83	
Mr A. B. Lowson	89	6	83	
Mr W. J. Saunders	90	15	84	
Mr W. J. Saunders	100	15	85	
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## COLLAPSED.

At last, the Collapse Inquiries have collapsed. They have wound up in the proverbial smoke, but for several reasons they will not soon be forgotten. They have had their page in the papers, their gossip in the clubs, their morsels of legal agitation, and their jury-findings, all of which have been interesting in various ways. Now, it is all over, and, perhaps, with the solitary exception of the lawyers, no one will feel inclined to shed even a crocodile tear. By the bye, the other day, when the death of the last inquest was looming near, one young lawyer dumped a startling piece of information upon the attention of the pre-occupied court. In his closing speech, he struck a dramatic attitude, and felled the Leaning Tower of Pisa. Rather a serious offence, if committed within the radius of Latin law administration, and one or two people in court felt a trifle shocked. It is bad enough to think that, but a few months since, the Lion of St. Mark's was robbed of its beautiful Campanile, an event of a nature sufficient to make poor old Francesco Gaddi turn in his grave. No inquiry was held as to why the Venetian tower fell, but if our budding legal lights in Hongkong are going to make a clean sweep of all that is curious and beautiful and old in architectural Italy, the offenders must not be surprised if they are suddenly summoned to stand before the Three, and subsequently take a mysterious walk across the Bridge of Sighs. It was once the routine. Or, failing this process, the architects and contractors of the non-fallen pillars and pinnacles might rise up and sue for damages for defamation of their dear though dead characters—if they could not lie still, the action might. It is a somewhat curious fact, not easy of explanation, that lawyers are seldom profound outside the domain of their own text books. Doctors are more often than not exact in sciences other than chemistry and surgery, but the Lockwoods and the Granthams, and the Russells of the beggared profession are few and far between. Judicial ignorance is sometimes real, a fact which received exemplification recently. The screw shaft had broken and there was trouble with the makers and litigation. Of course 'expert evidence' was called and the judge who, poor man, knew less about ships than he did of the majesty of the law, asked the witness 'Did you get inside the shaft to see where the jaws were? Even the uniform above His Lordship's head laughed a horse laugh. Putting all this to one side—it is rather a remarkable coincidence that, whilst Hongkong's attention was being called to the insecurity of the houses built by Chinese contractors, London was bemoaning the cracked condition of St. Paul's. When reference was last made to the matter in the Home papers the beautiful fane, built under the supervision of England's greatest architect, was said to be in an exceedingly critical state. Let us hope that it will not collapse—like our Inquiries.

[N. C. D. N.]

## Wei-hai-wei School.

The N. C. Daily News is glad to hear that Mr Beer, headmaster of the Wei-hai-wei School, has made good progress with his scheme, having already secured Tls. 7,000 out of the Tls. 10,000 required, and the erection of a new building for the school will now be promptly taken in hand.

## GRATITUDE FOR EXPECTED FAVORS.

A spasmodic effort to expel the mucus from the bronchial tubes. A cold causes a more abundant secretion of mucus, and when the lungs and bronchial tubes are inflamed they are extremely sensitive to the irritation. Unless care is taken, the cold may result in pneumonia, which is a very serious disease. It is the cold is a lingering one, the more liberally but equally fatal consumption may set in. Do not neglect a cold or cough. Take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It always cures and cures quickly. For sale by All Dealers. WATSON & Co., General Agents.

## WHAT IS A COUGH?

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## ONE OF THE PROVINCIAL NEWSPAPERS.

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## CORRESPONDENCE.

## THE LEARNING OF CHINESE.

To the Editor of the 'China Mail.'

Hongkong, January 13.

Sir,—With reference to the correspondence in your columns re the study of Chinese, I think everyone will agree with the views put forth regarding the obvious advantages to the mercantile classes of a working everyday knowledge of the Chinese language.

To the officials, also, in most branches of the Colonial Government service, it would seem almost an imperative duty to apply themselves to acquire a knowledge of the people they govern. In the Consular service, a considerable knowledge of Chinese is compulsory; why not in the Colonial Civil Service also? Officials would do well to bear in mind that they would add considerably not only to their usefulness, but to their dignity as well, when they are able to converse with the people and Mandarins in their own language, instead of through an interpreter.

Regarding the purely civilian population of Hongkong and the Treaty Ports, it is simply pitiable to hear all classes trying to make themselves understood to the Chinese through the medium of that abortion of human speech, viz., 'Pidgin English.'

About the study of the language, I do not agree altogether with the view of your correspondent in last night's 'Mail'—that the study of Chinese was much more easy than what was popularly supposed to be the case. It must be remembered that Missionaries and Consuls devote years to study. In the case, it is true, of the whole duty for the first year or so in the country. This plan is impossible for the busy merchant; yet he need not despair of acquiring as much of Chinese as will serve his purpose. In this connection, it may interest your readers to know that classes are now being formed in Hongkong to study both Mandarin and Cantonese by the 'Gouin' system. While there is no royal road to any kind of knowledge, this most invaluable plan of studying languages is fast replacing the old obsolete way of grinding through books. It is not a system of mnemonics, but, above all, it is a plan of acquiring a language by sound only, just as a child learns to talk. Further particulars of the classes, etc., can be had on application to the subscriber.—Yours, H. A. L.

## CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

To the Editor of the 'China Mail.'

Hongkong, January 13.

Sir,—The report and accounts of the China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd., for the past year have been published in our local press for some time, and are full of criticism. We see that a sum of \$81,022.02 is represented as the net profit for the year, out of which \$80,000, or practically the whole, is to be distributed as dividend. I presume that the Company, especially when, on looking a little into the accounts, we find that this sum is more than the Company earned during the year. It includes, as will be seen, in addition to \$2,285.08 brought forward from the preceding year's account, a sum of \$2,292.94 written off as unclaimed dividends. This is the first time in the history of a local Company that has been in existence barely four years that such a large amount of unclaimed dividends has been proposed to be forfeited. I presume that the Company, of course, is within its legal rights in dealing with these dividends in that manner, but it cannot be contended that this drastic step will improve the estimation in which the Company is held by the public. It is a fact that the shareholders are not so anxious to declare a big dividend.

How does this proposed appropriation of the Company's funds compare with that has been dinned into our ears recently about the danger of milking the cows too dry, and the wisdom of a policy of consolidation and concentration? In every well-managed Company a proportion of at least 10 to 20 per cent. of the net profit is paid aside for contingencies for reserve or equalisation of dividend funds. Why, then, in the same course recommended in this instance? I am unable to fathom the reason. But the result will be, since the market price of shares is regulated as a rule by the amount of the dividend, the stock of this Company will command at least temporarily, an undervalued value and investors will consequently burn their fingers.

In the case of a concern with assets worth more than five times their book value, an extra dollar in dividends to the shareholders so that the Directors may be enabled to write off about 58 per cent. of the net profits for the year. And now we have a company that proposes to pay the shareholders a large sum in dividends, and at the same time to have actually earned. What is the explanation?—Yours, etc., J. R. MICHAEL.

## WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued by the Hongkong Observatory:—

On the 14th at 11.55 a.m. The barometer has risen over H. Japan, and in S. China, fallen over W. Japan and the Loochees.

The depression seems to be moving towards N.E. to the E. of the Loochees. Pressure is highest over Central China. Fresh N. and N.E. winds along the China coast, and over the N. part of the China Sea.

Forecast.—Fresh N. winds; dull, some rain.

## Diocesan Girls' School.

The third Annual Distribution of Prizes at the above School took place on Tuesday last, January 13, when Lady Blake kindly attended to hand the prizes to the successful candidates. There was a good attendance of parents and of others interested in the working of the School. A brief Report was read by the Hon. Secretary (Rev. F. T. Johnson). It was stated that the donations to the funds of the School during the year 1902, including a Government Grant of \$230.26, amounted to \$2,067.26. Hearty thanks were paid to those who kindly contributed, and to the following for gifts of various kinds—clothes, prizes, &c.:—Mrs. Bunbury, Mrs. Hoare, Lady Gascoigne, Sir William and Lady Goodman, Miss Johnston, Mrs. Mackie, Mrs. Piercy, Mrs. Sibbs, Mrs. Sharp, Mr. Pitt, Mr. Witzell, and the Rev. F. T. Johnson.

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## INTERESTING CASE AT SINGAPORE.

A case dropped up in the police court this morning that is probably now being discussed under 'sore' headlines, half a column long, in every newspaper in America (says the Straits Times of the 3rd inst.).

Two Americans, Messrs. Grossmeyer and Hopkins of San Francisco, California, were arraigned on the charge of jointly obtaining a sum of \$400, by fraud, from the Manager of the Hongkong Hotel.

In the absence of the prosecuting witness (Mr. Haines of the Hongkong Hotel), the case was adjourned until Monday. Mr. Haines is a passenger by the French Mail due from Hongkong to-morrow. As the case is still pending we can not afford no suggestions as to its merits; but in justice to the two defendants who spent Xmas Day and subsequent days in jail here with a place for a bed and rice for dinner—it is right to say that there has probably been a mistake. Until they are legally identified this mistake cannot be rectified; but judging from the interest evidenced in the proceedings by the authorities at Washington, and from the prompt replies received by cable from lawyers at San Francisco, it seems morally certain that the gentlemen are the persons they claim themselves to be.

In that event it is difficult to conceive what earthly object they could have in combining to rob anybody of a single cent. One of them never knew what it meant to have less than a million in wealth, and the other is also a young man of great wealth. They started upon a tour around the world and according to their own story were expecting a sum of money from a friend who had been in the United States for him. At the Hongkong Hotel there was a sum of money in American hands addressed to Hopkins. The manager handed him the money, and he and Grossmeyer gave him a joint receipt for it. The next day they knew about the matter was a Singapore policeman, with a warrant, arrested them bright and early on Xmas morning in their cabin on the English mail. It appears that another American, who was also named Hopkins, turned up, and demanded the \$450, and probably proved himself entitled thereto. There is nothing wonderful about that, because there are thousands of Hopkinses in the United States. In the book 'Who's Who in America' there are duly chronicled the brief biographies of about a score of Hopkinses, all more or less illustrious. If we accept the hypothesis that these two young men are their own proper selves, they are not the same as the Hopkinses in the United States. They are not the same as the Hopkinses in the United States. They are not the same as the Hopkinses in the United States.

Extensive thefts in Shanghai, at the present time (says the N. C. Daily News of the 6th inst.), seems to be the report of clever criminals and beachcombers, and it is difficult to draw a line between the two classes.

The annual average of convictions of foreigners for misdeeds and felonies during the past three years almost equals that of the seven years, when Shanghai had not, by any means, attained its present state of civilization. From yesterday's proceedings at the Russian Consular Court, we learn that our latest visitor of the enterprising criminal class is one Semon Vidnichak, a Russian, who arrived here as recently as Saturday last and since his arrival has victimized native storekeepers by the larceny of silks and furs to the value of about \$2,000. On his arrival here the most valuable of his world possessions seem to have been two or two shovels of jewellery, a handsome great coat, with astrakhan facings, and capacious inside pockets, and a bundle of bank-notes, consisting of 125 one-rouble notes. His underclothing, however, contrasted strangely with his outward appearance, as it consisted of pants, socks, and boots and a shirt that must have done good service since it last left the hands of the laundryman. His method was to enter a fur or silk store, make a display with his bundle of notes, and by some remark distract the storekeeper's attention—he had a fair knowledge of the Manchurian dialect; then seizing his opportunity, he would take up a valuable fur, or a roll of silk, conceal it beneath his great coat, and after some further conversation, leave the store without making a purchase. After defrauding in this manner, Vidnichak played the same game some two or three times on Sunday afternoon, but was observed by some of the assistants, who gave chase. He kept ahead of his pursuers for some time, but was eventually overtaken by the Szechuen Road bridge, attracted the attention of P.O. Kingston, who promptly but effectively brought him to a standstill, and took him to the Hongkong Police Station, where he was placed under arrest. The prisoner was questioned through an interpreter, but protested his innocence of any crime. Asked where he had slept the previous night, he asserted that he was living in a Chinese house in Borne Road. Detective Sergeant McDowell, however, thought otherwise, as he knew of a house in Hongkong which is frequented by Russian sailors. Asked to show the way to the boarding-house, the detective was taken by way of the Russian resort, above mentioned, and though the man Vidnichak protested that he did not know the house, he was taken inside. On entering, he endeavoured to make signs to the landlady to deny all knowledge of him, but this was observed by the detective, and the latter's request to see the prisoner's room and boxes was at once acceded to by the landlady. The boxes were quickly forced open and a quantity of valuable silk and furs found therein. The capture becoming known, on Sunday evening and early yesterday morning, several Chinese storekeepers called at the Police Station and identified a considerable amount of the stolen property, but some still remains unclaimed. A number of well-dressed Chinese also congregated round the doors of the Russian Consulate yesterday morning when the preliminary hearing of the charge took place, before Mr. Kingston, the Russian Consul-General. After hearing a statement of the facts of the case, His Honour remanded the prisoner, in order that further enquiries might be made with regard to certain of the stolen property yet unclaimed.

## To-day's Advertisements

## ZETLAND HOUSE,

No. 10, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

## SUPERIOR ACCOMMODATION.

Moderate Charges.

MRS. WATLING, Proprietress.

Hongkong, January 14, 1903. 96

## NOTICE.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA MANILA LINE.

I beg to GIVE NOTICE that the Mitsui BUREAU KAIWA has this day ceased to be Agents of this Company, and I have opened an Office of the Company at 3, Queen's Building, Ice House Street.

K. NAKASHIMA, Manager, T. K. K. Manilla Line.

Hongkong, January 14, 1903. 98

## DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY &amp; FOCHOW.

The Company's Steamship THALOS.

Captain Robson, will be despatched for the above Port on THURSDAY, the 16th January, 1903, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAFRAK &amp; Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, January 14, 1903. 101

## 'BEN' LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP BENGOLO.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be made.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods undelivered after the 21st Jan., will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 31st Jan., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods must be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 21st January, at 11 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON &amp; Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 14, 1903. 95

## NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBOROUGH, ANTWERP, LONDON, PORT SAID, COLOMBO &amp; SINGAPORE.

THE Co.'s Steamship Hakata Maru, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY'S Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before 4 p.m. To-day.

Goods not cleared by the 21st Inst., at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent 10 minutes.

All Ship-damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and Notice of same sent to this Office before the 24th inst., or Claims in connection therewith will not be recognized.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, January 14, 1903. 102

## HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.

7.30 a.m. to 8.00 a.m. Every 10 minutes.

8.00 a.m. to 8.30 a.m. Every 15 minutes.

8.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. Every 10 minutes.

9.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.

11.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

2.15 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

3.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

5.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

7.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

NIGHT CARS.

8.45 p.m. and 9 p.m., 9.45 p.m. to 11.15 p.m. every half hour.

SUNDAYS.

8.00 a.m. to 8.30 a.m. Every 15 minutes.

8.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. Every 30 minutes.

9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. Every 15 minutes.

10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 10 minutes.

11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

5.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

6.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

7.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

NIGHT CARS as on Week Days.

Extra cars at 11.30 and 11.45 p.m.

SPECIAL CARS by Arrangement at the Company's Office, 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS &amp; SON, General Managers.

Hongkong, December 17, 1901. 1001

## 'THE REVENUE OF CHINA.'

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## To-day's Advertisements

## WANTED.

A EUROPEAN NURSE to take charge of Infant a month old to go to Manila in March.











### Vessels Advertised as Loading.

<i>Destination.</i>	<i>Vessels.</i>	<i>Agents.</i>	<i>Date of Leaving.</i>
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10. *Journal of the American Medical Association*, 277, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2049, 2050, 2051, 2052, 2053, 2054, 2055, 2056, 2057, 2058, 2059, 2060, 2061, 2062, 2063, 2064, 2065, 2066, 2067, 2068, 2069, 2070, 2071, 2072, 2073, 2074, 2075, 2076, 2077, 2078, 2079, 2080, 2081, 2082, 2083, 2084, 2085, 2086, 2087, 2088, 2089, 2090, 2091, 2092, 2093, 2094, 2095, 2096, 2097, 2098, 2099, 2100, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2109, 2110, 2111, 2112, 2113, 2114, 2115, 2116, 2117, 2118, 2119, 2120, 2121, 2122, 2123, 2124, 2125, 2126, 2127, 2128, 2129, 2130, 2131, 2132, 2133, 2134, 2135, 2136, 2137, 2138, 2139, 2140, 2141, 2142, 2143, 2144, 2145, 2146, 2147, 2148, 2149, 2150, 2151, 2152, 2153, 2154, 2155, 2156, 2157, 2158, 2159, 2160, 2161, 2162, 2163, 2164, 2165, 2166, 2167, 2168, 2169, 2170, 2171, 2172, 2173, 2174, 2175, 2176, 2177, 2178, 2179, 2180, 2181, 2182, 2183, 2184, 2185, 2186, 2187, 2188, 2189, 2190, 2191, 2192, 2193, 2194, 2195, 2196, 2197, 2198, 2199, 2200, 2201, 2202, 2203, 2204, 2205, 2206, 2207, 2208, 2209, 2210, 2211, 2212, 2213, 2214, 2215, 2216, 2217, 2218, 2219, 2220, 2221, 2222, 2223, 2224, 2225, 2226, 2227, 2228, 2229, 2230, 2231, 2232, 2233, 2234, 2235, 2236, 2237, 2238, 2239, 2240, 2241, 2242, 2243, 2244, 2245, 2246, 2247, 2248, 2249, 2250, 2251, 2252, 2253, 2254, 2255, 2256, 2257, 2258, 2259, 2260, 2261, 2262, 2263, 2264, 2265, 2266, 2267, 2268, 2269, 2270, 2271, 2272, 2273, 2274, 2275, 2276, 2277, 2278, 2279, 2280, 2281, 2282, 2283, 2284, 2285, 2286, 2287, 2288, 2289, 2290, 2291, 2292, 2293, 2294, 2295, 2296, 2297, 2298, 2299, 2300, 2301, 2302, 2303, 2304, 2305, 2306, 2307, 2308, 2309, 2310, 2311, 2312, 2313, 2314, 2315, 2316, 2317, 2318, 2319, 2320, 2321, 2322, 2323, 2324, 2325, 2326, 2327, 2328, 2329, 2330, 2331, 2332, 2333, 2334, 2335, 2336, 2337, 2338, 2339, 2340, 2341, 2342, 2343, 2344, 2345, 2346, 2347, 2348, 2349, 2350, 2351, 2352, 2353, 2354, 2355, 2356, 2357, 2358, 2359, 2360, 2361, 2362, 2363, 2364, 2365, 2366, 2367, 2368, 2369, 2370, 2371, 2372, 2373, 2374, 2375, 2376, 2377, 2378, 2379, 2380, 2381, 2382, 2383, 2384, 2385, 2386, 2387, 2388, 2389, 2390, 2391, 2392, 2393, 2394, 2395, 2396, 2397, 2398, 2399, 2400, 2401, 2402, 2403, 2404, 2405, 2406, 2407, 2408, 2409, 2410, 2411, 2412, 2413, 2414, 2415, 2416, 2417, 2418, 2419, 2420, 2421, 2422, 2423, 2424, 2425, 2426, 2427, 2428, 2429, 2430, 2431, 2432, 2433, 2434, 2435, 2436, 2437, 2438, 2439, 2440, 2441, 2442, 2443, 2444, 2445, 2446, 2447, 2448, 2449, 2450, 2451, 2452, 2453, 2454, 2455, 2456, 2457, 2458, 2459, 2460, 2461, 2462, 2463, 2464, 2465, 2466, 2467, 2468, 2469, 2470, 2471, 2472, 2473, 2474, 2475, 2476, 2477, 2478, 2479, 2480, 2481, 2482, 2483, 2484, 2485, 2486, 2487, 2488, 2489, 2490, 2491, 2492, 2493, 2494, 2495, 2496, 2497, 2498, 2499, 2500, 2501, 2502, 2503, 2504, 2505, 2506, 2507, 2508, 2509, 2510, 2511, 2512, 2513, 2514, 2515, 2516, 2517, 2518, 2519, 2520, 2521, 2522, 2523, 2524, 2525, 2526, 2527, 2528, 2529, 2530, 2531, 2532, 2533, 2534, 2535, 2536, 2537, 2538, 2539, 2540, 2541, 2542, 2543, 2544, 2545, 2546, 2547, 2548, 2549, 2550, 2551, 2552, 2553, 2554, 2555, 2556, 2557, 2558, 2559, 2560, 2561, 2562, 2563, 2564, 2565, 2566, 2567, 2568, 2569, 2570, 2571, 2572, 2573, 2574, 2575, 2576, 2577, 2578, 2579, 2580, 2581, 2582, 2583, 2584, 2585, 2586, 2587, 2588, 2589, 2590, 2591, 2592, 2593, 2594, 2595, 2596, 2597, 2598, 2599, 2600, 2601, 2602, 2603, 2604, 2605, 2606, 2607, 2608, 2609, 2610, 2611, 2612, 2613, 2614, 2615, 2616, 2617, 2618, 2619, 2620, 2621, 2622, 2623, 2624, 2625, 2626, 2627, 2628, 2629, 2630, 2631, 2632, 2633, 2634, 2635, 2636, 2637, 2638, 2639, 2640, 2641, 2642, 2643, 2644, 2645, 2646, 2647, 2648, 2649, 2650, 2651, 2652, 2653, 2654, 2655, 2656, 2657, 2658, 2659, 2660, 2661, 2662, 2663, 2664, 2665, 2666, 2667, 2668, 2669, 2670, 2671, 2672, 2673, 2674,

To facilitate finding the position of  
Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong  
Islands have each there are marked on  
Section.

1. From Green Island to the Sea Works
2. From the Sea Works to Jardine's Wharf
3. From Jardine's Wharf to the Harbour
4. From Harbour Master's to the Market
5. From the Market to Peddar's Wharf
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval

Vessel's Names.	Anchor No.	Captain.
<b>Steamers.</b>		
Airlie	4	c George
Amra	3	c Mattock
Anping	3	c Richards
Bengolo	3	w Potter
Bonelli	7	w Hayward
Bonetta	0	Webster
Brand		Thronsen
Carl Dietrichsen	3	c Schalknik
Cassius	3	c Gerlach
Ceylan	w	Kohler
Choo Fa	3	c Lambie
Chong Yang	4	c Oates
Diamante	3	c Notley
Durante	4	c Smith
Empire London	3	c Martens
Feiching	3	c Spear
Gibbalt	w	Morris
Hatching	5	c Rodmans
Hokata Maru.	k	Sumner
Halvard	8	c Salvesen
Hwangang	3	c Wildo
Hansa	3	c Lorenzen
Hermes	3	c Thronsen
Hobow	3	c
Hoppe	3	c Muthrol
Kaisong	6	c Pennefather
Katsunaya Maru	3	c Hayashi

Kiukiang	3	Weller
Kone Hong	3	Wien
Katung	3	Wynne
Kwong Lee	3	Lincoln
Lyong Maru	3	Mikuni
Lugan	3	Buhrmann
Luesmoon	3	Lehmann
Maefou	3	Hoelder
Olympia	4	Truebridge
Opack	4	Barber
Pakhoi	4	Williams
Panier	8	Knutsen
Queangnam	3	Martino
Sababuri	3	Wendig
Haib	6	Almond
Shantung	2	Engelhardt
Spichang	2	Stewart
Suing	3	Johnson
Taihang	3	Fleming
Thales	3	Robins
Thomis	2	Thannasas
Tritos	1	Chasen
Tyr	3	Charles
Yamaguchi Maru	3	Yoshizawa
Yensang	6	Rofe

Shipping Vessels.

Dumbarton	2	Thomas
Eric J. Ray	2	Carson
Grosvont	2	Boga
John Lambton	2	Carroll
Lothair	2	Schiffen

STEAMERS PASSED SUEZ CANAL.

SUPPLIED THROUGH REUTER.

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danus.	Glenarney, Sydney.

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hem, Glutierrez, Border Knight  
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Bamber, Benader, Kennebec, C  
Indus, 9.

Mails.

The M. M. Co.'s steamer *Salazie*, w  
Freuen Mail of the 12th d  
Sail on Sunday the 11th d  
at 10 p.m., and may be expect  
on or about Wednesday, the 1  
This Packet brings replies to  
despatched from Hongkong  
November.

The P. & O. Co.'s s.s. *Cornwall*

ports: : and Hong- tong: : ports: : breeze, ports: : squally	<p>the ENGLISH MAIL of the 19th left Singapore on Monday, 21 January, at 6 a.m., and expected to reach Hong Kong on the 17th January. This Packet repplies to Hongters despatches leaving Hongkong on the 17th Novem- ber.</p> <p>The T. K. K. <i>America</i> Mail sail- ed for San Francisco on 10th Jan.</p> <p>The O. &amp; O. Co.'s s.s. <i>Coptic</i> for San Francisco for this port on Janu- ary 11th.</p> <p>The N. Y. K. s.s. <i>Nippon Maru</i> Yokohama on 8th January, for Hong Kong, via usual ports of call.</p>
Thurs- day, the	<p><i>Steamers Expected.</i></p> <p>The Austrian Lloyd s.s. <i>Austria</i> left Singapore for this port on the 8th inst.</p> <p>The P. &amp; A. S. Co.'s s.s. <i>steamer</i> left Moji on Monday afternoon for Hong Kong.</p>

Thursday,	12th January, and may be expected here on or about Friday the 16th January.
Friday, the 15th	The <i>Alugal Line steamer Broome</i> from Glasgow, Liverpool and Strathclyde, expected on the 8th January. Expected to arrive here on TH the 10th January.
— the 16th	The O. S. S. Co.'s s.s. <i>Pyrrhus</i> leaves here on 11th January, and is expected here on 10th January.
—	The s.s. <i>Ladwig</i> , from Calcutta to Suez, left Singapore for this port on the 13th January.
—	The Austrian Lloyd's s.s. <i>Silesia</i> leaves for this port on the morning of the 13th January.
—	N. P. Co.'s s.s. <i>Duke of York</i> , from Tacoma for Yokohama, sails on 26th Dec.
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Extra	<p>6th Jan.</p> <p>The Boston Steamship Co.'s s.s. sailed from Yokohama, for and Tacoma, on the 10th Janu</p>
	<p><i>Latest Advice.</i></p> <p>The Boston Steamship Co.'s s.s. S arrived at Yokohama on the 13 The Imperial German Mail s.s. It ne left Kobe, via Nagasa Shanghai, on Sunday afternoo 11th January, and may be e</p>

Flag and Rig.	Tonnell.	Date of Arrival	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
British str.	2500	Jan.	8 Gibbs, Livingston & Co.		
British str.	1694	Jan.	6 Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Samarang	Jan. 15.
Chi. str.	1232	Jan.	14 U. M. S. N. Co.		
British str.	1937	Jan.	14 Gibbs, Livingston & Co.		
British str.	1431	Jan.	5 Gibbs, Livingston & Co.		
British str.	1467	Jan.	5 Gibbs, Livingston & Co.		
Ger. str.	1219	Dec.	13 Carlowitz & Co.	Coolan	Jan. 15.
Ger. str.	774	Jan.	11 Jacobs & Co.	Holbow & Hongkong	Jan. 15.
British str.	1300	Jan.	4 Laus, Wegener & Co.		
British str.	2637	Jan.	13 P. & O. S. N. Co.		
Ger. str.	1763	Jan.	2 Butterfield & Swire		K'loon
British str.	1302	Jan.	7 Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Japan. str.	830	Jan.	14 Osaka Shosen Kaisha		
British str.	1254	Jan.	13 Shewan, Tomes & Co.		
British str.	4675	Jan.	10 P. & O. S. N. Co.	S'hai & San Fisco	Jan. 17.
Ger. str.	1119	Jan.	13 Carlowitz & Co.		
Chi. str.	930	Jan.	14 U. M. S. N. Co.	Shanghai	Jan. 16.
British str.	2173	Jan.	7 Shewan, Tomes & Co.		
British str.	1267	Jan.	11 Douglas Steamship Co.		
Japan. str.	38 6	Jan.	14 Nippon Yusen Kaisha		
Norw. str.		Jan.	11 Orlog		
British str.	1356	Jan.	11 Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Ger. str.	1501	Jan.	13 Chinese		
Norw. str.	1367	Jan.	11 Sander, Wieler & Co.		
British str.	636	Jan.	1 Butterfield & Swire		
British str.	1124	Jan.	1 Butterfield & Swire	Cebu & Iloilo	Jan. 20.
British str.	1624	Jan.	11 Butterfield & Swire		
Japan. str.	1069	Jan.	11 Taniz Kee & Co.		
British str.	1240	Jan.	7 Butterfield & Swire		
Ger. str.	862	Jan.	13 Butterfield & Swire		
British str.	1596	Jan.	10 Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Chi. str.	1467	Jan.	12 U. M. S. N. Co.		
Japan. str.	1639	Jan.	13 Mitui Bussan Kaisha		
Ger. str.	1337	Jan.	13 Sander, Wieler & Co.		
Ger. str.	1238	Jan.	19 Swenson & Co.		
Chi. str.	1321	Jan.	10 U. M. S. N. Co.		
Amer. str.	1730	Jan.	10 Dowell & Co., Limited	Moji & Tacoma	Jan. 1.
British str.	2617	Jan.	14 Butterfield & Swire		
British str.	1227	Jan.	10 Butterfield & Swire	Shanghai	Jan. 1.
Ger. str.	970	Jan.	8 U. M. Trading Co.		
French str.	693	Dec.	31 Bradley & Co.		
Ger. str.	1189	Jan.	13 Butterfield & Swire		
British str.	1811	Jan.	12 Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Manila	Jan. 1.
Ger. str.	1004	Jan.	8 Gen. McLean		
British str.	2995	Jan.	12 Jardine, Matheson & Co.	S'pore & Calcutta	Jan. 1.
British str.	1776	Jan.	9 Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Swatow & Amoy	Jan. 1.
British str.	1122	Jan.	9 Bradley & Co.		
British str.	836	Jan.	14 Douglas Steamship Co.		
Norw. str.	126 6	Jan.	7 E. A. Trading Co.		
Ger. str.	1098	Jan.	4 Cosens & Co.		
Norw. str.	1417	Jan.	13 E. A. Trading Co.		
Japan. str.	2669	Jan.	14 Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Kobe & Yokohama	Jan. 1.
British str.	1128	Jan.	7 Jardine, Matheson & Co.		

The C. N. Co.'s s.s. *Tsinan* from Australia  
 ports, left Manila for this port on the morning of 12th January,  
 and is expected to arrive here, on the  
 15th January, at daylight.

The Imperial German Mail s.s. *Stuttgart*,  
 carrying the German Mails with dates  
 from Berlin of the 12th, left for San  
 Domingo on Monday morning, the 12th  
 January, and may be expected here

China Coast Meteorological  
 Register.  
 13th January. — AT 4 P.M.

Station.	Barometer.	Thermometer.	Humidity.	Direction.	Wind.

High Water.		Low Water.	
Hour.	Mean Time.	Hour.	Mean Time.
12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
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SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.				
JANUARY 13, 1903.				
Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Value.	Paid up.	Closing Quotation Cash.
BANKS.				\$672½, buyers

FIRE INSURANCES.			
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$	100
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	8,000	\$	250
DOCKS, ETC.			
H'kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$	60
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited.	6,000	\$	25
New & Key Dock Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$	62
S. C. Parnham, Boyd & Co., Ltd.	55,700	Ten.	100
REFRIGERATORS, ETC.			
China and Manila S. S. Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$	50
	10,000	\$	25

China Sugar Company, Limited.....	20,000	S	100	al	\$88, buyers
Yuzon Sugar Company, Limited.....	7,000	S	100	al	\$121, sales
Peak Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.....	7,000	Tls.	50	Tls	\$173, sellers
H.K. & Kwong Wah & Godown Co.	3,000	S	50	al	\$91, buyers
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Co.	20,100	Tls.	100	Tls	\$110, sellers
LAND AND BUILDING.					
Hongkong Land Investment Co., Ltd.	50,000	S	100	100	\$184, buyers
Agency Company, Limited.....	100,000	Tls.	50	Tls	\$115, sales
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ltd.	38,000	Tls.	50	Tls	50 cum new issue

Seck's, Trinidad, etc.	16,000	Fcs. 250.	all	8,000, buyers
Thames & Mersey, London	20,000	£	1	18/10
Raub Aust. Gold Mining Co., Ltd., Mozambique, etc.	20,000	£	1	18/10
Longkong Hotel, Penang, Ltd.	12,000	£	50	all
Manila Hotel, Manila	7,000	£	50	all
4-star House Hotel, Ltd. (Tientsin).	2,000	T. 150.	Ts. 60	all
Astor House Hotel Co., Ltd. (S'p'w)	35,000	£	25	55
W. S. Watson & Co., Limited.	60,000	£	10	all
Watkins Limited	10,000	£	10	8

Shanghai Oriental Agency, Limited	1,000,000	10	10	\$165	
Shanghai Woollen Yarn Co., Ltd.	600	50	5	\$40	sellors
Shanghai Steam Water-boat Co., Ltd.	7,000	10	10	\$114	sellors
Shanghai Dairy Farm Co., Ltd.	5,000	10	10	\$100	all
Shanghai Woollen Yarn Co., Ltd.	5,000	10	10	\$120	sellors
Shanghai Waterworks Co., Ltd.	7,200	20	20	\$380	buyers
Shanghai Planting Company, Ltd.	20,000	5	5	\$100	minimal
Shanghai Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000	10	10	\$120	all
Shanghai Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	150	10	10	\$17	sellors
Shanghai Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	17,500	10	10	\$100	all

Campbell, Moore & Co., Limit ed .....	12,000	\$	10	\$	10	84, buyers
W. P. Powell, Limited .....	20,000	\$	50	\$	50	60, sellers
CRAN COMPANIES .....	20,000	\$	50	\$	50	110, sellers
Pineapple Tobacco Trust Co., Ltd.....	20,000	\$	50	\$	50	60, sellers
Ashmore Limited .....	20,000	\$	50	\$	50	110, sellers

  

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Wm. Fowell, Limited .....	20,000	\$	50	\$	50	60, sellers
CRAB COMPANIES .....	20,000	\$	50	\$	50	110, sellers
Prince Tobacco Trust Co., Ltd.....	20,000	\$	50	\$	50	110, sellers
Ashmore Limited .....	20,000	\$	50	\$	50	110, sellers

  

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